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FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT O	F WISCONSIN
RUTHELLE FRANK, et al., on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated,)))
Plaintiffs,))
vs.) Case No. 11-CV-1128
SCOTT WALKER, in his official capacity as Governor of the State of Wisconsin, et al.,)))
Defendants.)) Milwaukee, Wisconsin) November 4, 2013
LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS (LULAC) OF WISCONSIN, et al.,)))
Plaintiffs,)) Case No. 12-CV-185
vs.) case No. 12-CV-103
DAVID G. DEININGER, et al.,)
Defendants.)
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- 1 \ Q. Have you ever tried to get one?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 0. When was that?
- 4 A. In 2005, I believe.
- 10:44 $5 \parallel$ Q. And what happened when you tried to get that ID?
 - 6 A. I didn't have a birth certificate.
 - $7 \parallel Q$. So where did you go to try and get the ID?
 - 8 A. Motor vehicle.
 - 9 Q. Okay. And when you got to motor vehicles, what happened?
- 10:45 10 A. They asked me did I have a birth certificates or anything
 - 11 stating who I were. And I said no, because I was born in
 - 12 Mississippi.
 - 13 Q. Okay. And did you try and get a birth certificate from
 - 14 Mississippi?
- 10:45 **15** A. Yes.

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- 16 Q. What did you have to do to try and get a birth certificate
- 17 | from Mississippi?
- 18 A. They gave me a form at motor vehicle to send down to
- 19 Mississippi to try and locate a birth certificate, which I
- 20 filled out and sent down there. And they sent it back in
 - 21 | 15 days and said there was no such person.
 - 22 Q. And did you have to pay money to try and get the birth
 - 23 certificate?
 - 24 A. \$10.
- 10:45 25 Q. Did you get your money back?

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- 1 A. No.
- 2 Q. And do you have any idea why they didn't have a record of
- 3 you?
- 4 A. Because I was -- I wasn't born in a hospital.
- 10:45 5 Q. Where were you born?
 - 6 A. I was born at home by a midwife.
 - $7 \parallel Q$. Ms. Weddle, are you registered to vote in Wisconsin?
 - 8 A. Yes.
 - 9 Q. How long have you been registered to vote in Wisconsin?
- 10:46 10 A. Oh, about 25, 30 years.
 - 11 Q. And have you ever worked at the polls in Wisconsin?
 - 12 A. Yes, I did.
 - 13 | Q. When was that?
 - 14 A. Last year.
- 10:46 **15** Q. And what did you do?
 - 16 A. I was helping people to sign in and, you know.
 - 17 | Q. And did you vote in the 2012 presidential election?
 - 18 A. Yes, I did.
 - $19 \parallel Q$. And about how many years have you been voting?
- 10:46 20 A. Oh, a long time, about 25, 30 years.
 - $21 \parallel Q$. And what's the first candidate you remember voting for?
 - 22 A. Oh, my God. President Carter. I voted for President
 - 23 Carter, President -- I can't remember. It's been a long time
 - 24 ago.
- 10:46 25 Q. That's fine. And how frequently have you voted between when

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- 1 A. Good morning.
- 2 Q. Just have a few questions for you. You said you had voted
- 3 | in the February of 2012 primary election.
- 4 A. Yes.
- 10:48 5 Q. Were you asked to show an ID for that election?
 - 6 A. No.
 - 7 \ Q. Where do you vote?
 - 8 A. I vote at the school on 68th Street near my house on Silver
 - 9 Spring.
- 10:48 10 Q. Okay. Have you ever driven a car in Wisconsin?
 - 11 A. Yes.
 - 12 \ Q. But you said you don't have a driver license.
 - 13 A. No, I don't have one.
 - 14 Q. Have you ever left the United States?
- 10:48 15 A. No.
 - 16 Q. Are you currently receiving any Social Security benefits?
 - 17 A. Yes.
 - 18 Q. Do you have a Social Security card?
 - 19 A. Yes.
- 10:48 20 Q. Are you receiving any Medicare, Medicaid benefits?
 - 21 A. Yes.
 - 22 Q. And how did you apply for those benefits?
 - 23 A. I applied -- well, my mom first applied for me before she
 - 24 died. And then I go -- now I just -- they don't ask me for no
- 10:49 25 ID.

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- 1 Q. You do have a card that allows you to get those benefits?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. You mentioned that you had gone to the DMV in 2005 to get an
- 4 | ID; is that right?
- 10:49 5 A. Yes.
 - 6 Q. Have you gone back to the DMV since that time?
 - 7 A. No.
 - 8 Q. Do you have a savings account?
 - 9 A. No.
- 10:49 10 Q. Any other kind of account or credit card?
 - 11 A. No.
 - 12 Q. Have you ever been on an airplane?
 - 13 A. No.
 - 14 Q. Have you ever voted by absentee ballot?
- 10:49 **15** A. No.
 - 16 MR. KAWSKI: I have no further questions. Thank you.
 - 17 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
 - 18 THE COURT: I believe you're excused. Thank you.
 - 19 (Witness excused at 10:49 a.m.)
- 10:49 20 THE COURT: Next witness?
 - 21 EDDIE HOLLOWAY, PLAINTIFF WITNESS, DULY SWORN
 - THE COURT: Have a seat. State your name for the
 - 23 record, spell your last name. And you gotta talk about an inch
 - 24 from the mic.
- 10:50 25 THE WITNESS: My name is Eddie Holloway,

- 1 Q. Do you have an ID from any other state before you came to
- 2 Wisconsin?
- 3 A. My Illinois ID, yes.
- 4 Q. Is that Illinois ID expired?
- 10:52 5 A. Yes.
 - 6 0. What is the name on that ID?
 - 7 A. Eddie Lee Holloway, Jr.
 - 8 Q. And was there a time when you heard about the voter ID law
 - 9 in Wisconsin?
- 10:52 10 A. Yeah. When I first got here.
 - 11 Q. And what do you know about it?
 - 12 A. That you have to have -- all I know is that you had to have
 - an ID to vote. And I didn't understand that because I had never
 - 14 | had to have an ID before.
- 10:52 15 Q. Did you -- when you say you had never had to have an ID
 - 16 before, do you mean --
 - 17 | A. To vote.
 - 18 Q. In order to vote?
 - 19 A. Yeah.
- 10:52 20 Q. And when you learned that you needed an ID to vote at that
 - 21 | time, did you have an ID to vote?
 - 22 A. No. My ID had expired.
 - 23 Q. And when you said your ID, which?
 - 24 A. My Illinois ID had expired, because I was using it.
- 10:53 25 Q. And was there a time when you tried to get an ID in

- $1 \parallel$ Q. And did the person at the DMV tell you what you had to do to
- 2 | fix this problem?
- 3 A. Yeah. The lady helped me -- she told me to go downtown
- 4 to --
- 10:54 5 0. Downtown Milwaukee?
 - 6 A. Yeah, downtown Milwaukee to -- I forgot what they call it.
 - $7 \parallel Q$. That's okay. If you don't remember, you don't have to say.
 - 8 A. Yeah.
 - 9 Q. So she told you to go downtown. Did she do anything else to
- 10:54 10 help you fix this problem?
 - 11 A. She gave me the number down there and where it was and --
 - 12 | yeah, that's -- she gave me at the DMV.
 - 13 | Q. And after the -- you went to the DMV, did you go downtown?
 - 14 A. Yeah, I went down there.
- 10:55 15 Q. How did you get downtown?
 - $16 \parallel$ A. My sister, she took me down there this time.
 - 17 Q. How did she take you down there?
 - 18 A. In her car.
 - 19 Q. Do you drive?
- 10:55 20 A. No.
 - 21 Q. And when you went to downtown Milwaukee, what did they tell
 - 22 vou?
 - 23 A. I went and asked for, you know, what I need to do to get an
 - 24 ID. And they said that I needed to call Springfield. That's
- 10:55 25 the state capitol in Illinois. Call Springfield, and I

- 1 needed -- first I needed to amend my birth certificate.
- 2 Q. Did they tell you how much that would cost?
- 3 A. They said four to \$600.
- 4 Q. Do you have four to \$600?
- 10:56 5 A. I don't have four to 600 cents.
 - 6 Q. How much money were you taking in at that time?
 - $7 \parallel A$. I wasn't -- I was -- I really wasn't taking in money. My
 - 8 sister would help me because I took care of her twins.
 - 9 Q. So it was for baby-sitting?
- 10:56 10 A. Yeah.
 - 11 Q. So after they -- downtown Milwaukee told you about
 - 12 | Illinois --
 - 13 A. Yeah.
 - 14 Q. -- did you contact the Illinois office?
- 10:56 15 A. Yes, I called Illinois.
 - 16 Q. And what did they tell you first?
 - 17 A. First they told me that I needed to get the amendment papers
 - 18 | to amend my birth certificate. So I caught the bus, went down
 - **19** there --
- 10:56 20 Q. Went down where?
 - 21 A. To Decatur, Illinois.
 - 22 Q. How much does it cost to get down there?
 - 23 A. \$180 roundtrip.
 - 24 Q. And how long does it take to get down there?
- 10:56 **25** A. 7 to 8 hours.

- 1 Q. One way 7 to 8 hours?
- 2 A. Yeah.
- 3 Q. So after you went to Illinois, what happened?
- 4 A. Okay. I got the amendment papers, filled it out, took them
- 10:57 5 to Springfield. Then when I got to Springfield, they said I
 - 6 needed my high school records, vaccination. And I had my Social
 - 7 Security card and my birth certificate. So that's what I needed
 - 8 to get --
 - 9 Q. I'm sorry to interrupt you.
- 10:57 10 A. Uh-huh.
 - 11 Q. Did you have your vaccination records?
 - 12 A. No.
 - 13 \ Q. Do you know where they are?
 - 14 A. No.
- 10:57 $15 \parallel$ Q. Did the Springfield office tell you about the school or
 - 16 | vaccination records before that time?
 - $17 \parallel$ A. No. That's when -- the second -- when I went there, they
 - 18 | told me that's what I needed. So I had to come back home
 - 19 first -- I mean come here.
- 10:57 20 Q. And "here," you mean Milwaukee?
 - 21 A. Yeah.
 - 22 Q. Did you end up trying to get your school records?
 - 23 A. I got the money back up to go back down there, and that's
 - 24 when I got my school records.
- 10:57 25 Q. And when you say "back down there," do you mean Decatur,

- 1 Illinois?
- 2 A. Decatur.
- 3 Q. So you got your school records.
- 4 A. Yes.
- 10:58 5 Q. And then what did you do with them?
 - 6 A. They're right there.
 - 7 Q. After you got your school records from Decatur, Illinois --
 - 8 A. I took them back to Springfield.
 - 9 Q. How did you get to Springfield?
- 1058 10 A. I had some friends from church take me.
 - 11 | Q. How did they take you?
 - 12 A. In the car.
 - 13 Q. Did you do anything else -- did you give your friends
 - 14 anything for the ride?
- 10:58 15 A. Yeah. I gave them gas money to get there.
 - 16 Q. Do you remember around how much that was?
 - $17 \parallel A$. They didn't charge me nothing but \$20. That was it.
 - 18 Q. So when you got to Springfield with your school records --
 - 19 A. Uh-huh.
- 10:58 **20** Q. -- what happened?
 - 21 A. I went and showed them what I had. Then they said I needed
 - 22 something else.
 - 23 Q. And what was that something else?
 - 24 A. I needed a statement from the Social Security office.
- 10:58 25 Q. Did they tell you about the statement from the Social

- 1 | Security before?
- 2 A. Each time I went down there, they told me one extra thing
- 3 that I needed.
- 4 Q. So -- and did you have your Social Security statement with
- 10:59 5 you?
 - 6 A. No. I had to come back here and get it.
 - $7 \parallel Q$. Before you came back here -- before you came back to
 - 8 Milwaukee --
 - 9 A. Uh-huh.
- 10:59 $10 \parallel$ Q. -- do you remember if you did anything else in Illinois to
 - 11 | try and get an ID?
 - 12 A. I went to the DMV in Illinois too.
 - 13 \ Q. What did you do there?
 - 14 A. I showed them what I had, and they said I needed --
- 10:59 15 everything that I needed for to get my one here, I needed the
 - 16 same thing to get it there.
 - 17 | Q. Did you get a new Illinois ID?
 - 18 A. No.
 - $19 \parallel Q$. When you came back to Milwaukee, did you try to get the
- 10:59 20 Social Security statement that Springfield asked for?
 - 21 A. I got two of them.
 - 22 Q. Why did you get two?
 - 23 A. To make sure I had everything I needed.
 - 24 Q. And did you take the Social Security statement back to
- 10:59 **25** Illinois?

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- 1 A. I don't have money to get there yet.
- 2 Q. How much money are you taking in right now?
- 3 A. 775.
- 4 Q. And what is that from?
- 11:00 **5** A. Disability.
 - 6 Q. And did you ever call Springfield to see if you could just
 - 7 mail documents to them?
 - 8 A. No. You can't mail them; you can't fax them; you can't do
 - 9 none of that.
- 11:00 $10 \parallel$ Q. Is that what they told you?
 - 11 A. Yes.
 - 12 Q. So sitting here today, do you have a new birth certificate
 - 13 | with the correct name?
 - 14 A. No.
- 11:00 15 Q. And do you have a Wisconsin ID?
 - 16 A. No.
 - 17 | Q. Do you have a Wisconsin driver's license?
 - 18 A. No.
 - 19 Q. Do you have a military ID?
- 11:00 20 A. No.
 - 21 Q. Do you have a tribal ID from an Indian tribe?
 - 22 A. No.
 - 23 Q. Do you have a college ID?
 - 24 A. No.
- 11:00 **25** Q. Do you have a U.S. passport?

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- 1 A. Right.
- 2 Q. Do you have anything else with your picture on it?
- 3 A. Uh-uh.
- 4 0. That's a no?
- 11:01 5 A. No.
 - 6 Q. And how did you get your Illinois driver's license?
 - 7 A. I got it when I was in school. I had them all these years.
 - 8 Q. And you had that renewed over the years?
 - 9 A. Uh-huh, until I got a DUI and that was the end of driving so
- 11:02 **10** I just got an ID.
 - 11 | Q. And when was that?
 - 12 A. Oh, Lord, that's about 20 years ago.
 - 13 Q. And about when did you move to Wisconsin?
 - $14 \parallel$ A. Five years ago. It will be six years March 18th.
- 11:02 15 Q. And when you went to the DMV the first time here in
 - 16 Wisconsin, you brought a birth certificate. That's right?
 - **17** A. Right.
 - 18 Q. And you brought your Illinois state ID card. That's
 - 19 correct?
- 11:02 **20** A. Right.
 - 21 Q. And you brought a Social Security card, right?
 - 22 A. Right.
 - 23 Q. And you talked to -- how many people did you talk to at DMV?
 - $24 \parallel A$. One person. She said 400 to \$600. I was done with all of
- 11:02 25 it.

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- 1 Q. Do you have a bank account, Mr. Holloway?
- 2 A. No.
- 3 \ Q. Do you receive government benefits?
- 4 A. Disability. Yeah.
- 11:03 5 Q. Social Security disability?
 - 6 A. Yeah. That's what they said.
 - 7 \ Q. Are you on Medicaid or BadgerCare?
 - 8 A. No.
 - 9 Q. Do you receive any FoodShare?
- 11:03 10 A. If they keep cutting them, I probably won't get any.
 - 11 Q. When did you first apply for FoodShare?
 - 12 A. When I first got here, five years ago.
 - 13 Q. And did you need to go somewhere physically to apply for
 - 14 FoodShare?
- 11:03 15 A. Yeah. I had to go over there on -- where the Y is. Where
 - 16 | they let people sleep at night.
 - 17 \| 0. So somewhere in Milwaukee here?
 - 18 A. Yeah.
 - 19 Q. And what did you need to bring to get your FoodShare?
- 11:03 20 A. I just -- my ID was valid then, so that's all I needed was
 - 21 my ID.
 - 22 Q. Your ID was valid when you first applied for FoodShare?
 - 23 A. Uh-huh.
 - 24 \ Q. And that was what year again?
- 11:03 25 A. Oh, boy. I don't know exactly what year it was. But it's

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- 1 Q. Do you have a naturalization certificate?
- 2 A. No.
- 3 Q. Do you have a tribal ID card?
- 4 A. No, I do not.
- 11:48 5 Q. Do you have a student ID card?
 - 6 A. No, I do not.
 - 7 \ Q. Do you have a nondriver photo ID?
 - 8 A. No.
 - 9 Q. Have you ever had a nondriver photo ID?
- 11:48 10 A. No.
 - 11 Q. Do you have any other type of ID with your picture on it?
 - 12 A. No, I do not.
 - 13 Q. You said you had a veterans ID card.
 - 14 What do you use your veterans ID card for?
- 11:48 15 A. Basically for hospital and medication purposes.
 - 16 Q. Does it have an expiration date on it?
 - 17 | A. No.
 - 18 Q. Have you ever tried to get an ID from the DMV?
 - 19 A. Yes, I have.
- 11:49 20 Q. Why did you decide to do that?
 - 21 A. For one, it was for voting purposes, and it was also needed
 - 22 for job purposes also along with housing.
 - $23 \mid Q$. And when was that?
 - A. Along with housing, you have to have a state ID from the
- 11:49 25 State of Wisconsin.

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- 1 A. Harold Vincent.
- 2 Q. What do you do for a living?
- 3 A. City of Milwaukee Department of Public Works as an inventory
- 4 assistant 2.
- 04:04 5 Q. Who is the main person who helps to take care of your
 - 6 mother?
 - 7 A. I do.
 - 8 Q. After the Wisconsin photo ID came out -- photo ID law came
 - 9 out, what did you do to help your mother vote?
- 04:04 $10 \parallel$ A. Well, we made an attempt to go to the motor vehicle
 - 11 department but without a birth certificate she wasn't able to
 - 12 get an ID.
 - 13 | Q. What did you do to try to get a birth certificate for her?
 - $14 \parallel$ A. We sent one off to the State of Louisiana.
- 04:04 15 Q. I'm going to hand you what's been marked as Frank
 - 16 | Plaintiffs' Exhibit 591. Do you recognize this document?
 - 17 A. Yes.
 - 18 Q. What is this document?
 - $19 \parallel A$. That's a document for request of a birth certificate for my
- 04:05 20 mother.
 - 21 | Q. In which state?
 - 22 A. Louisiana.
 - 23 Q. Did you fill that out?
 - 24 A. Yes.
- 04:05 25 Q. Why did you fill it out?

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- 1 A. Because they needed someone next of kin to fill it out and
- 2 pay for it and mail it off for her.
- 3 Q. Why couldn't your mother?
- 4 A. I believe they need someone to be a witness.
- 04:05 0 Q. Did you have to submit your photo ID as part of that
 - 6 application?
 - 7 A. Yes, I did.
 - 8 Q. Does your mother have photo ID?
 - 9 A. I don't believe so.
- 04:05 10 Q. Did it cost money to send this form to Louisiana?
 - 11 A. Yes, it did.
 - 12 Q. How much?
 - **13** A. \$15.
 - 14 \ Q. What did you receive from Louisiana in response?
- 04:06 15 A. I received a birth certificate but it was for my Auntie June
 - 16 Rose Brown.
 - 17 | Q. I'm going to handled up what's been marked as Frank
 - 18 plaintiff Exhibit 592. Do you recognize this document?
 - 19 A. Yes, I do.
- 04:06 20 Q. What is this document?
 - 21 A. It's a document from the State of Louisiana, Department of
 - 22 | Health and Hospitals.
 - 23 Q. Is this what you received in response?
 - 24 A. (No response.)
- 04:06 $25 \parallel$ Q. It's double sided if you want to take a look at the other

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- 1 awhile. I don't know if I was able to get through to them.
- 2 Q. Did it seem strange to you that they sent you the wrong
- 3 birth certificate? I mean, it appeared that you filled out the
- 4 paperwork correctly.
- 04:08 5 A. Yes, it did.
 - Q. But you didn't follow up with them or ask why they sent you the wrong one?
 - A. Like I said, I believe that I did, I tried to contact where
 I had sent it to but I wasn't able to get through to anybody.

MR. KAWSKI: No further questions.

THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Brown. I believe you're excused.

(Witness excused at 4:08 p.m.)

MS. ROTKER: Your Honor, I think I've been designated to lay out what the situation is right now.

THE COURT: Yeah.

MS. ROTKER: If I might. So, you were right and we have sped through people. We have a couple -- the Frank Plaintiffs have and are prepared to introduce video depositions of two witnesses who as I understand it the state is stipulating are unavailable. For right now we're talking about Ruthelle Frank who lives up near Wausau and has a heart condition right now and was deposed by video, and Nancy Lee Wilde who is deceased. We were going to significant to the Court that we set up to play them now which we are prepared to do. I will

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1 Q. Thank you.

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A. In my work, it's very important that I tell the truth and guide people in the right way. So I wanted to see exactly what you needed to do in order to get a birth certificate in Milwaukee. By that time, there was a law that said if you were

6 born in Milwaukee, you could get a free birth certificate.

There were four or five gentlemen at Hadley apartments who didn't have birth certificates and were not born in Milwaukee, but Mr. Robertson was. So I decided that I was going to take him down to a vital records to see what the process was. We went to vital records, I helped him fill out his application, and we sat there for about three minutes. And then the clerk came back over to us and said that she had no record of Mr. Robertson's birth. She then said that we would have to go to Madison to get a delayed birth certificate.

- Q. And the delayed birth certificate, did they tell you how much that would cost?
- 18 A. That would be \$25 for the delayed birth certificate.
- $19 \parallel Q$. And were there any other documents that were required?
 - A. They wanted documents, if I could remember correctly, from when he was seven years old going to elementary school.
- 22 0. And how old is he today?
- 23 A. He's 86-plus, I believe. I'm not sure of his age right now.
- 24 Q. So they wanted elementary school records from 80 years ago.
- 02:29 25 A. Yes.

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- 1 0. And \$25.
- 2 A. And \$25. Now, I would have helped him, but you know, that's
- 3 | almost like doing genealogy research and I just didn't really
- 4 have the time to go that deep into getting a birth certificate
- 02:29 5 for him.
 - 6 Q. And so then what happened? Was he able to get the birth
 - 7 | certificate?
 - 8 A. No, he was not.
 - 9 Q. And so then was he able to get an ID for voting purposes?
- 02:29 10 A. No, he was not.
 - 11 \ Q. And so if Act 23 were in effect today, would he be able to
 - 12 vote?

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- 13 A. No, he would not.
- 14 Q. Now, if Act 23 were in effect, do you think that these
- 15 obstacles that you've been talking about would prevent other
- 16 | African-American voters that you encountered from voting?
- 17 A. It would prevent them from voting, yes.
- 18 | Q. I want to talk for a moment now about the February 2012
- 19 elections.
- 02:30 20 Did you and citizens action undertake any special
 - 21 efforts related to Act 23 surrounding the February 2012
 - 22 elections?
 - 23 A. Well, again, the work that we do at Citizen Action is done
 - 24 with coalition partners. We just can't do things by ourselves.
- 02:30 25 So we had a group of coalition partners that did election

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- 1 helped people acquire in those seven years?
- 2 A. Actually acquire, that's close to six -- somewhere between six and 700.
 - Q. Okay. And you said that's how many you've helped -- how many people you've helped acquire a birth certificate.

How many people do you think overall you have worked with to get a birth certificate?

- A. It's been a lot more than that. It's hard to get an exact number because some people come up with hopeless cases and we don't even initiate paperwork because we know we're not going to get anywhere. Out of about 700 applications that I've worked with, there were roughly -- close to 170 that we could not obtain birth certificates for.
- Q. So you're saying that you helped about six to 700 people acquire birth certificates, and then there was another 170 or so that you couldn't help, people you couldn't help?
- 17 A. Right, correct.
- 18 Q. Okay. And that's over the entire time.
- 19 A. Correct.

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- os:45 20 Q. Okay. And who were the people that come to you at St. Ben's for birth certificates? What's the demographics of that population?
 - A. Predominantly homeless people. People who are in shelters, people who are on the streets. People who have recently been discharged from prison or jail and people who are involved in

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Ellis/Direct Court Trial - Vol 3 - 11/6/2013 1 Α. I did. 2 How old were you when you joined around? Q. 3 18. Α. 4 How long did you serve? Q. 5 Α. 2 years. 10:25 6 And how did you leave the army? 7 Honorably discharged. Α. 8 After you left the army did you at some point get a veterans 9 ID? I did. 10 Α. 10:26 11 Do you remember how you got it? Q. 12 I went through the VA. Α. 13 Q. And on your VA card is there a photo of you? 14 There is. Α. 15 Is there a name? Ο. 10:26 16 Α. Yes, sir. 17 0. And generally what do you use the VA card for? 18 Health issues, obtaining documents pertaining to my wartime. Α. 19 And did you eventually come to Wisconsin? Q. 20 Α. I did. 10:26 21 Do you remember around when? Q. 22 2007. Α. 23 And was there a time when you became homeless? 24 Α. There was. 25 Just real briefly how did that happen? 10:26

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- 1 Q. And where were you born?
- 2 A. I was born in Louisville, Mississippi.
- 3 Q. Were you born in a hospital?
- 4 A. No, midwife.
- 03:21 5 Q. Do you currently have a birth certificate?
 - 6 A. No, I don't.
 - 7 Q. Have you ever had a birth certificate?
 - 8 A. No, I haven't.
 - 9 Q. And why not?
- 03:21 10 A. Pardon?
 - 11 | Q. How come you never had a birth certificate?
 - 12 A. Because every time I send for my birth certificate they
 - 13 claim they can't find it or something or is something wrong.
 - 14 And I done sent money down there about four or five times trying
- o3:21 15 to get my birth certificate.
 - 16 | Q. All right, we'll get to that in a second. Where do you
 - 17 | live?
 - 18 A. I live 4244 North Teutonia.
 - 19 Q. And how long have you lived in Wisconsin?
- 03:22 20 A. I lived here ever since 1970 -- '74.
 - **21** Q. 1974?
 - 22 A. Uh-huh.
 - 23 Q. And in Milwaukee the whole time?
 - 24 A. Yes.
- 03:22 25 Q. And what's your racial background? What race are you?

Thompson/Direct

- $1 \parallel$ A. I'm black. You can look at me and tell that.
- 2 (General laughter.)
- 3 BY MR. OSTROW:
- 4 Q. Thank you, Ms. Thompson. Do you go to Cross Lutheran
- 03:22 5 Church?
 - 6 A. Yes.
 - 7 \ Q. How often do you go?
 - 8 A. I go every Wednesday. I help with the meal program.
 - 9 Q. And how long have you been going there?
- $_{03:22}$ 10 \parallel A. Oh, about 3 months and a half now, I think.
 - 11 Q. I want to talk to you a little bit about identifications.
 - 12 Do you currently have a Wisconsin driver's license?
 - 13 A. No, I don't.
 - 14 \ Q. Have you ever had a Wisconsin driver's license?
- 03:22 15 A. No.
 - 16 Q. Have you ever had a driver's license?
 - 17 A. No -- in Mississippi. In Lewisville, Mississippi I had a
 - 18 driver's license.
 - 19 Q. And when you moved to Wisconsin did you bring the license
- 03:23 20 with you?
 - 21 A. Yes.
 - 22 Q. Did you ever renew it?
 - 23 A. No. I think I renewed it twice because I went back to
 - 24 Mississippi and had them renewed, you know.
- 03:23 25 Q. And is that license now expired?

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Thompson/Direct Court Trial - Vol 3 - 11/6/2013 1 Α. Yeah. 2 And when did it expire? Q. 3 In '80. Α. 4 In 1980? Q. 5 Α. Uh-huh. 03:23 6 Q. Do you have a U.S. passport? 7 Α. No. 8 Do you have a U.S. military ID? 9 Α. No. 10 Do you have a naturalization certificate? Q. 03:23 11 Α. No. 12 Do you have a tribal ID for Native American? 13 Α. No. 14 What about a student ID card? Ο. 15 Α. No. 03:23 16 Have you ever had a student ID card? 17 Α. No. 18 Do you have a bank account? Q. 19 I got my money on a card. They tell me go to the bank and 20 then they put it on the card. I don't know. 03:23 21 Ο. So you have a debit card that you use. 22 Yeah. Α. 23 And your Social Security checks. 24 Α. Yeah. 25 Do they go straight into that? 03:23

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- 1 A. Card.
- 2 Q. Go right on the card?
- 3 A. Uh-huh.
- 4 Q. When you got that did you need to show a photo
- o3:24 5 identification?
 - 6 A. No, I didn't.
 - $7 \parallel Q$. Do you have any other IDs?
 - 8 A. I got them packed up somewhere at home, some old IDs, but I
 - 9 never found them because I got about eight boxes of papers and
- os:24 10 stuff I'm saving.
 - 11 | Q. Do you have a Medicare ID?
 - 12 A. Uh-huh.
 - 13 Q. Does it have your photo on it?
 - 14 A. No.
- 03:24 15 Q. Can it be used for voting, do you know?
 - 16 A. Not as I know of.
 - 17 Q. Do you have a Social Security card?
 - 18 A. Yes.
 - 19 \ Q. Could you use that to vote?
- 03:24 20 A. Yes, I reckon so because that's what I show it and my
 - 21 Medicare card when I go.
 - 22 Q. Do you ever need a photo in your daily life?
 - 23 A. No.
 - Q. Does anyone ever ask you they need to see a photo ID from
- 03:24 **25** you?

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- 1 A. No.
- 2 Q. Have you ever tried to get a photo ID from the Department of
- 3 | Motor Vehicles?
- 4 A. Here, yes.
- 03:25 5 0. Here in Milwaukee?
 - 6 A. Yes.
 - $7 \parallel Q$. About how many times have you tried to do that?
 - 8 A. About four or five times, I think.
 - 9 Q. Have you ever been successful?
- 03:25 10 A. No.
 - 11 \bigcirc . How come?
 - 12 A. They tell me I need my birth certificate. And then one time
 - 13 | the lady had me to bring all of my children birth certificate,
 - $14 \parallel$ take it down to her, and I carried them down there so, you know.
- 03:25 15 Then she said she couldn't use them.
 - 16 Q. Did you go by yourself?
 - 17 A. My daughter went with me, Carol.
 - 18 Q. She took you. And when the DMV told you she couldn't use
 - 19 | all those documents to get you an ID, what did you do then?
- 03:25 20 A. Go home.
 - $21 \mid Q$. What did she tell you you needed in order to get --
 - 22 A. She turned around, she told me I needed my birth certificate
 - and I told her I hadn't been able to get my birth certificate
 - 24 because I've been sending money to Jackson, Mississippi to try
- 03:25 25 to get my birth certificate.

Thompson/Direct

- 1 Q. About how many times did you try to get your birth
- 2 certificate from Mississippi?
- 3 A. I sent \$10 twice, that's when it was \$10 apiece. And then I
- 4 went and I sent \$12, you know. And I showed you that letter I
- o3:26 5 got, they want me to send 25 now. And every time I send my
 - 6 money they don't send it back to me.
 - 7 Q. Did they ever send you a birth certificate?
 - 8 A. No.
 - 9 Q. So they kept your money and no birth certificate.
- 03:26 10 A. That's right.
 - 11 Q. And was that a lot of money for you?
 - 12 A. Yes, way the time is now. \$3 is a lot of money for me.
 - 13 Q. Do you currently have a job?
 - 14 A. No, I draw my husband's pension.
- 03:26 15 Q. So that money is coming from your husband --
 - 16 A. It's Social Security and a VA.
 - 17 | Q. I want to switch topics a little to voting. Are you
 - 18 registered to vote here in Milwaukee?
 - 19 A. I filled out a card and I've been voting every year.
- 03:26 20 Q. How long have you been voting for? When is the first time
 - 21 you remember voting?
 - 22 A. I think here it was in 1975.
 - 23 Q. Here in Wisconsin was the first time.
 - 24 A. Yes. Uh-huh.
- 03:27 25 Q. When was the first time you voted at all?

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                      (Recess taken at 10:14 a.m.)
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                     THE COURT: Raise your right hand.
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                    DEWAYNE SMITH, PLAINTIFF WITNESS, DULY SWORN
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                     THE COURT: Okay. State your name, spell your name
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          and talk right into that mic real close.
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                     THE WITNESS: Dewayne Smith, D-E-W-A-Y-N-E, S-M-I-T-H.
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                                    DIRECT EXAMINATION
          BY MS. PRINC:
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               Good morning, Mr. Smith.
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               Good morning.
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          Q.
               Where were you born?
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               Pine Bluff, Arkansas.
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               For the record what race are you?
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               How far did you go in school?
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               When did you move to Wisconsin?
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               Do you work now?
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             How do you support yourself?
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- 1 A. Well, I get a QUEST Card. Then I do some -- what you
- 2 call -- I help the landlord fix up his house.
- 3 Q. How much do you receive a month with your QUEST Card?
- 4 A. 189 now.
- 10:17 5 Q. Do you receive any other benefits?
 - 6 A. No.
 - 7 Q. Do you have health insurance?
 - 8 A. Forward card.
 - 9 Q. Mr. Smith, did you vote in last year's presidential
- 10:17 10 | election?
 - 11 A. Yes.
 - 12 Q. Did you vote before that?
 - 13 A. Yes.
 - $14 \parallel Q$. Was there ever a time when you were not allowed to vote?
- 10:17 15 A. Yes.
 - 16 Q. About when was that?
 - 17 A. Back in 1990.
 - 18 Q. Why were you not allowed to vote?
 - 19 A. Had a felony on me.
- 10:17 $20 \parallel Q$. What was that felony?
 - 21 A. Driving without owner's consent.
 - 22 Q. Did you plead guilty?
 - 23 A. Yeah, I had to.
 - 24 Q. Do you remember submitting a declaration in this case?
- 10:18 **25** A. Yes.

Kennedy/Direct

- 1 substantial. I know it has to conform to the name.
- 2 Q. Okay. And the photo ID, they also have to check that the
- 3 photo ID reasonably resembles the voter, right?
- 4 A. That's correct.
- 10:31 5 Q. Some IDs can be a little bit old, right?
 - 6 A. Driver's licences can last eight years, yes.
 - $7 \parallel Q$. And people's appearance can change in that time.
 - 8 A. Some of us have gotten better looking.
 - 9 Q. There you go.
- 10:31 10 (General laughter.)
 - 11 BY MS. ROTKER:
 - 12 Q. Also to clarify, the photo ID does not have to have the
 - 13 voter's voting address, correct?
 - 14 A. That's correct.
- 10:32 15 Q. That point as to whether or not the photo ID -- and normally
 - 16 | here we're talking about driver's licences or state ID cards --
 - 17 | that question of whether the address on the license has to be
 - 18 the address in the poll book has been a significant source of
 - 19 confusion, hasn't it?
- 10:32 20 A. I don't know.
 - 21 Q. Has it been some source of confusion?
 - 22 A. I really could not address that.
 - 23 Q. Okay. We'll get to that back again a little later. If
 - 24 voters don't have that photo ID all they can do is vote a
- 10:32 25 provisional ballot, right?

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- 1 Q. And the GAB at times received questions from voters about
- 2 how they could get a state ID if they lacked the underlying
- 3 documentation that the DMV required; isn't that correct?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 10:15 5 Q. And a particularly common question you received from voters
 - 6 was about how they could get an ID if they lacked a birth
 - 7 certificate, correct?
 - 8 A. Yes.
 - 9 Q. Voters asked what they should do if they cannot afford a
- 10:16 10 birth certificate, correct?
 - 11 | A. Yes.
 - 12 Q. Voters asked what they should do if they never had a birth
 - 13 certificate, correct?
 - 14 A. Yes.
- 10:16 15 Q. Voters asked what they should do if their birth certificate
 - 16 was destroyed, correct?
 - 17 | A. Yes.
 - 18 Q. And voters asked what they should do if the name on their
 - 19 birth certificate was spelled incorrectly.
- 10:16 20 A. Yes.
 - $21 \parallel Q$. Voters asked what they should do if the name on their birth
 - 22 certificate was spelled differently than other documents they
 - 23 had.
 - 24 A. Yes.
- 10:16 25 Q. Prior to the photo ID law, the GAB had never previously

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- 1 | obtain is free, right, Professor Hood?
- 2 A. If you're referring to the time it would require them to go
- 3 to the DMV office and get a free ID, yes.
- $4 \parallel Q$. So the answer is yes, it imposes a cost, right?
- 12:03 5 A. Well, not -- again not a monetary cost.
 - 6 Q. It's an institutional cost, right?
 - $7 \parallel A$. It's a cost in terms of time to the voter.
 - 8 0. And it's a cost.
 - 9 MR. KAWSKI: Objection. Asked and answered.
 - 10 THE COURT: He may answer.
 - 11 THE WITNESS: Yes, but it's not a monetary cost.
 - 12 BY MR. STEINER:

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- Q. And you found in Georgia that there was a suppressive effect of the voter ID law, right?
- MR. KAWSKI: Objection. Asked and answered.
 - THE COURT: He may answer.
 - 17 THE WITNESS: My study of the implementation of the
 18 Georgia voter ID law found that across the two election cycles
 - 19 in which it was implemented turnout was probably down to about
 - 20 .43 percentage points.
 - 21 BY MR. STEINER:
 - 22 Q. And you keep talking about .43 percentage points as if it's
 - 23 not that much. But you're familiar with the fact that there are
 - 24 over 3 million registered voters in the State of Wisconsin and
- 12:04 25 over 4 million eligible voters, right?

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- 1 A. Yes.
- $2 \parallel Q$. So that .43 percent, if you translate that to real terms and
- 3 real people, that's more than 10,000 people that you would
- 4 predict wouldn't be able to vote -- or would not go to vote
- 12:04 5 under a photo ID law, right?
 - 6 A. I don't think I can take that number derived for the Georgia
 - 7 situation and apply it directly to Wisconsin.
 - 8 Q. So in Georgia your .43 percent translated to suppression of
 - 9 about 20,000 voters, right, based on Georgia's voting
- 12:04 10 population?
 - 11 A. I don't remember exactly. It may be in the article itself.
 - 12 Q. Sounds ballpark, right?
 - 13 A. I have said before I hate to do math on the stand, but --
 - 14 \ Q. How many registered voters --
- 12:04 15 A. It's an academic question --
 - THE COURT: You can't talk over.
 - 17 BY MR. STEINER:
 - 18 Q. How many registered voters are there in the State of
 - 19 Georgia?
- 12:04 20 A. Well, now there are over 5 million. Now, this was back in
 - 21 2008.
 - 22 Q. And four-tenths of a percent of 5 million is 20,000 people,
 - 23 right?
 - 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. And in your professional opinion, you would predict the same

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- $1 \parallel Q$. And if you could, turn to page 34.
- 2 A. Okay.
- 3 Q. Apologize.
- 4 (Brief pause.)
- 5 BY MR. STEINER:
- 6 Q. So if you could, turn to page 34 of your transcript,
- 7 | Professor Hood.
- 8 A. Okay.

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- 9 Q. And do you recall being asked the following questions and qiving the following answer, starting at line 22.
- "QUESTION: I take it, then, that you would agree as a
 matter of your professional opinion that the Wisconsin voter ID
 law, if given effect, is likely to suppress voter turnout in the
- 14 | State of Wisconsin.
- "ANSWER: Yes, but a very -- a very small effect, if it does occur."
 - Do you remember giving that testimony, Professor Hood?
 - 18 A. Well, yes.
 - $19 \parallel Q$. And it was truthful testimony when you gave it?
- 12:08 20 A. Yes.
 - 21 Q. And you're not changing that testimony today, right?
 - 22 A. No.
 - 23 Q. By the way, you spent a lot of time this morning comparing
 - 24 Georgia -- sorry, comparing Wisconsin not only to Georgia but
- 12:08 25 also to South Carolina, right?

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- 1 if there's anything that would refresh your recollection just
- 2 let me know if you can't remember.
- 3 A. I thought it was in December or something. Something around
- 4 there.
- 04:43 5 Q. Okay. Do you remember which DMV location you went to?
 - 6 A. Yes, the one on 76th and Mill Road.
 - $7 \parallel Q$. Do you remember what documents you brought along?
 - 8 A. Yeah, we brought his birth certificate, his Social Security
 - 9 card. He had a picture county ID that he would use for
- 04:44 10 | identification.
 - 11 \ Q. Okay. Did he bring anything with his name and address on
 - 12 | it?
 - 13 A. Yes, and a utility bill too.
 - 14 Q. How long did you wait to see a customer service agent at the
- 04:44 **15** DMV at that time?
 - $16 \parallel$ A. Probably an hour, an hour and a half, you know, with the
 - 17 line. Somewhere in there.
 - 18 Q. And what happened when your father got up to the counter to
 - 19 | try to get his ID?
- 04:44 20 A. Well, we presented everything and the woman looked at it.
 - 21 And because of his original birth certificate his name was
 - 22 spelled A-N-D-R-O, or Andro it's almost pronounced, more of the
 - 23 | Slovak spelling of Andrew.
 - 24 Q. And did his Social Security card have a different name on
- 04:44 25 | it?

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- 1 A. Correct.
- 2 Q. Okay. But you were aware, again as part of your job helping
- 3 manage photo ID implementation, that there were a lot of
- 4 different kinds of document-related concerns that voters raised,
- 05:54 **5** right?
 - 6 A. Yes.
 - $7 \parallel Q$. One of those also included concerns about name change
 - 8 documentation requirements for married voters, right?
 - 9 A. Yes.
- 05:54 10 Q. And that if a married voter changed their name they would
 - 11 have to provide additional documents such as a marriage or a
 - 12 divorce certificate as well as a birth certificate, right?
 - 13 A. That is my understanding, correct.
 - 14 Q. Okay. Let's take a look at Exhibit 524, Frank 524, page 3.
- 05:55 15 And you were also in charge of the GAB help desk, right, or at
 - 16 least some of the help desk staff?
 - 17 A. Correct.
 - | Q. If you see the third page of that, it is an e-mail that was
 - 19 sent to you, correct?
- 05:55 20 A. Yes, that's correct.
 - $21 \mid Q$. And this is a true and accurate copy of the e-mail?
 - 22 A. Yes, it appears to be.
 - MS. ROTKER: Move to admit Frank 524.
 - 24 MR. KAWSKI: Just a moment. I haven't found what
- os:55 25 you're talking about yet.

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1 MS. ROTKER: It's the third page of -- the document is 2 an e-mail from Nadya Perez-Reyes to Ross Hein.

MR. KAWSKI: I'm still not seeing it. Okay, I do see it now. Yes. No objection.

THE COURT: So ordered.

MS. ROTKER: Okay. Thank you.

BY MS. ROTKER:

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- Q. And again, this is a concern that was raised with an 85-year-old woman's birth certificate with her maiden name, a Social Security card and electric bill with her married name, and information that DOT was requiring her to account for the difference between the name on her birth certificate and the other documents by providing the marriage certificate, right?
- Q. And again, to your knowledge, someone who had to get a marriage certificate or a divorce certificate would likely have
- 17 to pay for those documents as well, right?

Yes, that's correct.

- 18 A. I'm not aware of the costs associated with that. Or if
 19 there is a fee.
- Q. Okay. As part of your job to help voters get ID you've also gotten contacts from voters who were never issued a birth certificate, right?
 - 23 A. Yes, that is correct.
- Q. Where voter says DMV won't process the ID without a birth certificate, and in those cases because of your limited staff

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- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. And you were inquiring about what some of the documentation
- 3 requirements were, right?
- 4 A. Yes, that's correct.
- 06:03 0 Q. And, in fact, what your first inquiry, if you go to page 2
 - 6 of the document, you say, "The example I have heard is minor
 - 7 name variations in the first name and also the last name where
 - 8 there has been a slight change in the way their name is
 - 9 presented on the Social Security card and all other personal
- o6:03 10 identifiers."
 - 11 Right?
 - 12 A. Yes.
 - $13 \parallel$ Q. So you were asking her a general question about how DMV
 - 14 would deal with that situation, right?
- 06:03 15 A. Yes.
 - $16 \parallel$ Q. And if you go back to page 1, her response was, "First, that
 - 17 | the documentation requirements had not changed regarding proof
 - 18 of name and date of birth or identity." Right?
 - 19 A. Yes.
- 06:04 20 Q. And if you look at the next paragraph it says, and the first
 - 21 sentence reads: "We do attempt to work with customers to review
 - 22 their documents and provide information on how they documents
 - 23 can be amended if appropriate." Right?
 - 24 A. Yes.
- 06:04 25 Q. "The name on your birth certificate is the legal name, that

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- 1 is what we need on the product." Right?
- 2 Α. Yes.
- 3 Q. Now, GAB again does not provide -- is not in a position to
- 4 help a voter amend their birth certificate, right?
- 5 Correct, we do not have the authority to change a birth 06:04 6
 - certificate directly. 7 Q. But you also do not have the authority to sit down with the
 - voter, figure out what paperwork the voter would need to change 9 their birth certificate, help take the voter to vital records, 10 do those paperwork tasks or those kind of assistance, that kind
 - 11 of one-on-one level of assistance for the voter, right?
 - 12 What we do is we provide them the resource to get them the 13 answer. So we essentially refer them to vital records in this
 - 14 case.

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- Q. And if they have to amend it that would again be something 15 06:05 16 that the voter would have to figure out ultimately how to do 17 that, right?
 - 18 A. Correct.
 - 19 And if there were costs involved, again those would be 20 either costs of time or costs of money that the voter would 21 bear, right?
 - 22 A. Correct.
 - 23 Okay. You also knew generally that there were concerns 24 about voters such as Amish-Mennonite communities who didn't have
- 25 birth certificates and Social Security cards, right? 06:05